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A leading member of the Greek Communist Emigré Group in Rumania who is considered the liaison man of his party with Moscow commented rather unfavorably on the Cominform Bureau in Bucharest, stating that this office was a propaganda headquarters which suffered from red tape and was only the remnant of a no longer needed organization. He said that the small and needy Communist parties of the various countries had to contact directly the foreign section of the All-Communist Party of the U.S.S.R. if they wished to get important information or obtain something. He also stated that non-Europeans had always been denied access to the Cominform Bureau and that nothing was heard anymore of the establishment of a Cominform office for the Communist parties in Asia which,            had been discussed more than a year ago.

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- 25X1 1.            Comment. This information is a confirmation of a fact which has long been observed that the Cominform lost its previous importance as an instrument of the Kremlin and is in existence only proforma. Attention may be called in connection with this information on a statement by the Borba, official newspaper of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia which was quoted by the Neue Zuericher Zeitung that Moscow directed the Cominform to disappear unobtrusively from the international scene. The Cominform was practically not mentioned at the Party Congress in Moscow where the various Communist parties were addressed directly.

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